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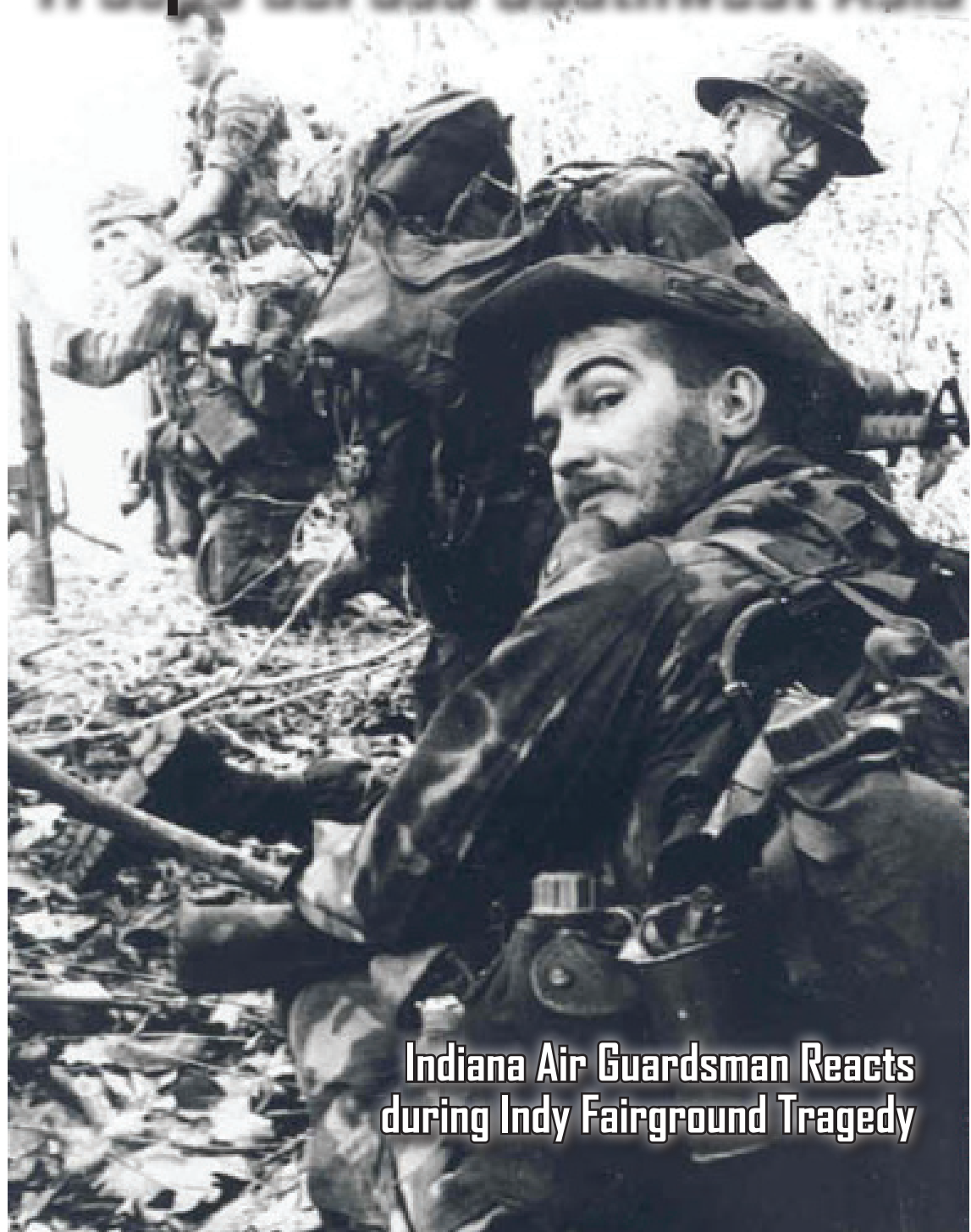
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# RETIRED GUARDIAN



## Retired Indiana Ranger visits Troops across Southwest Asia



**Indiana Air Guardsman Reacts  
during Indy Fairground Tragedy**



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On the Cover: A rare picture of mem-  
bers of Company D, 151st Infantry,  
commonly referred to as the "Indi-  
ana Rangers," on patrol in Vietnam.  
Notice how heavily laden they are  
with canteens and other equipment,  
allowing them to operate for several  
days without any outside support.

# DOWN RANGE



Photo by Sgt. Will Hill

Indiana National Guard Soldiers with A Troop 2-152 Cavalry Squadron, 219th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade begin their mission as the sun sets. These Soldiers complete frequent missions while deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.

# HOME FRONT



Photo by Sgt. John Crosby

Dream. Believe. Achieve. The motto of the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy is reflected in a mural designed by local tattoo artist Bobby Gordon. He volunteered his time to create the wall as a backdrop for the HYCA exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, open August 9 through 21, 2011. Joining him in carrying out the design were recent graduates of the Academy. Staff Sgt. Les Newport of the Indiana National Guard Public Affairs Office oversaw the project from idea to final product.





# From Vietnam to Mogadishu

## Ranger veterans boost morale for overseas service members

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Tien Do  
Indiana Guard Public Affairs

INDIANAPOLIS - Danny McKnight, Keni Thomas, Howard Mullen Jr. and Charlie Manis went on a motivational tour, dubbed the Rangers Tour “Profiles in Extreme Courage” early autumn, 2011, across Southwest Asia.

Army Rangers with combat experience spanning from Vietnam to Mogadishu motivated and boosted the morale of our fighting service members deployed overseas.

Many Americans know McKnight, who was portrayed in the movie “Black Hawk Down.” Thomas was a former Army Ranger who turned country singer, and Mullen is a former Army Ranger and living legend among his Ranger peers. But who is Charlie Manis?

Manis, Muncie, Ind., was an Indiana National Guard Company D, 151st Infantry Ranger and a Vietnam War veteran.

“I’m very humbled, to be a part of this tour, said Manis. “Any of my Company D Ranger brethren can do this but I’m very fortunate to be the person picked. There wasn’t a second thought; it was to honor my sons who served and all the troops for serving. To me it was natural, what better way to do it than jump up and volunteer. It’s easy to talk about it [supporting the troops], but when you get an opportunity to do it, it’s time to take action and not just talk,” said Manis.

Manis didn’t just talk.

While in Vietnam, Manis was part of a six-man ambush team. The team plunged in the jungle alone for up to five days at a time waiting for the enemy. Throughout his tour, Manis was part of approximately 18 missions. Of these missions,



Indiana Rangers: The Army Guard in Vietnam, portrayed by artist Mort Kunstler

there were approximately nine enemy contacts.

Although he came back to a warm, welcome home ceremony, Vietnam veterans who came back later were met with protests.

“In the 70’s you didn’t really run around acting proud to be a Vietnam veteran. It was actually Sept. 11, 2011 that the whole patriot thing started turning around. All of a sudden I was a little more proud to say that I was a Vietnam vet and served,” Manis said.

For Manis there were no regrets for the time spent in service. His experience helped in shaping his personal life.

“My service time with Company D, Indiana Rangers, in Vietnam had definitely given me the confidence and drive to have a successful life, career,

and family,” said Manis.

For his time in service, Manis received the Bronze Star with V-device, Purple Heart, and National Defense Service Medal, among other awards.

Although Manis has long retired from the military, he and his family continue to actively serve the military.

The Manis family is military-oriented with strong family values. Charlie, and his wife, Brenda, reside in Muncie, Ind. They have a daughter, Jordon Ann Manis, and two sons serving in the U.S. Army: Capt. Gabriel Manis and Spc. Josh Manis.

Brenda is involved in a program through the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., called “Operation Support Our Troops.” The program provides names to West Point parents who wish to send care packages to de-

ployed Soldiers in the Middle East. Names are also provided by returning Soldiers who provide her with names of their replacements.

She receives regular donations of care box items as well as postage help from concerned citizens and organizations in the community.

In 2004 she participated in the program and sent more than 1,500 pounds of care boxes to Iraq and Afghanistan. To date she has sent more than 7,000 pounds of care boxes overseas.

“It’s easy to talk about supporting the troops,” said Manis. “A lot of people buy a two-dollar yellow ribbon and stick it on their car and that’s supporting the troops. To me it’s a little more than that,” he said. “We have 30 year-old sergeants out there with their whole adult life, all they know is war. We want them to know that they can come back home, be successful and get on with your life.”

Through his tour in the Middle East, Manis hopes his message will get through the young minds of the troops who are fighting for their lives and future.

### **Company D, 151st Infantry Ranger History:**

During the Vietnam conflict a little more than 7,000 Army National Guardsmen served in the Vietnam War. Of these, only one would stay together from activation and serve in combat as a National Guard unit.

Company D Ranger 151st Airborne Infantry, was the only National Guard Infantry unit to serve in Vietnam. The unit comprised of 100 percent airborne qualified paratroopers.

On Monday, May 13, 1968, after the unit was activated for duty by President Lyndon B. Johnson, eight officers, one warrant officer, and 195 enlisted men departed the Indiana National Guard Headquarters at Stout Field, Indianapolis, and convoyed in World War II era trucks to Fort Benning, Ga.

The unit conducted intensive unit and individual training prior to and during its tour in Vietnam to include: jungle warfare in Panama, Ranger school, recon school, pathfinder, jump master, radio telephone operator, and other courses.

Additionally, the company received training from the British and Australian Special Air Service, at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., in advanced patrolling and tracking concepts. Company D was declared by the Infantry School at Benning as the best trained unit in its history.

Company D arrived in Vietnam on Dec. 30, 1968. During their tour of duty, four members of Company D made the supreme sacrifice on Ranger missions, with two additional deaths resulting from a helicopter crash, and one drowned during a river crossing exercise.

On Nov. 20, 1969, Company D commenced stand-down procedures and returned home. Then Indiana Gov. Edgar G. Whitcomb, declared Nov. 26, 1969, as “Unity Day” and ordered all state and county offices closed in recognition of Company D’s homecoming ceremony held that evening at Tyndall Armory in Indianapolis. Company D was also awarded the “key to the city” by then Indianapolis Mayor Richard G. Lugar.

Indiana Rangers were decorated 537 times in Vietnam: 18 Silver Stars, one Soldiers Medal, 122 Bronze Stars - 87 with “V” device for valor, 101 Purple Hearts, 111 Air Medals and 184 Army Commendation Medals - 30

with “V” device for valor. No other single Army infantry company was as decorated during a one-year period of time as the Indiana Rangers. The unit has been decommissioned.

### **Editors note:**

History of the Company D 151 Infantry Rangers by Timothy Ramey, [www.ranger151.com](http://www.ranger151.com), were used in this feature.



Indiana National Guard Army Ranger Charlie Manis poses for a photo while deployed to Vietnam circa 1968.



# Hoosier Guardsman acts heroically during Indiana State Fair tragedy

Story by Sgt. John Crosby  
120th Public Affairs Detachment

INDIANAPOLIS – An Indiana Air Guardsman and medical expert found himself at the wrong place at the right time when the concert stage collapsed at the Indiana State Fair Saturday, August 13, 2011 in Indianapolis, killing five and injuring at least 40 more.

Senior Medic, Master Sgt. James Stranahan, of Shelburn, Ind., 53rd Civil Support Team, was in the third row stands when the stage collapsed. He witnessed the stage fall onto roughly 50 people who were still in the sand pit. He jumped over the guard rail and took action.

Stranahan triaged, treated and helped evacuate more than a dozen injured in the tragedy. Having responded to mass casualty situations before on deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, he said this hit very close to home.

“In the military, there’s always that potential,” said Stranahan. “But, an accident of this magnitude, it’s tough. I’m an older guy, I feel like I can handle it. I feel bad for those kids that have to live with this memory for the rest of their lives.”

Stranahan has more than 29 years experience in the military including more than 20 years in the Indiana Army and Air National Guard. His military expertise, as well as his mission with the 53rd CST, is responding to civil emergencies from natural disasters to attacks from weapons of mass destruction.

Stranahan attended the fair with this girlfriend after he received a phone call earlier that evening from a coworker offering him tickets to Saturday’s concert. He and his girlfriend watched the opening act in the sand pit, just in front



Photo by Sgt. John Crosby

of the stage. Stranahan and his girlfriend returned to their ticketed seats after the opening act. Roughly 30 minutes later, tragedy struck. Stranahan described the strong and sudden gust of wind that ripped through the fair collapsing the stage.

“Within just a few minutes, the wind picked up and the temperature dropped,” Stranahan said. “I could see just a wall of dust and debris tear through the Ferris wheel.”

Stranahan said the wind then hit the stage that caused it to fall within seconds. He also thought there would be a lot of injured fans.

“With all my military training, and the medical side, I knew I needed to spring into action to help these injured people,” he said.

“After the collapse of the stage, we started using whatever we could to help evacuate the casualties out from underneath the stage. We used the chairs that were knocked down, we folded them

up and used them as litters. Guys were cutting pieces tarp, taking pieces of the collapsed stage, whatever they could find to help these injured people.”

Stranahan and others worked for more than an hour through the storm to try to save as many lives as they could. He treated head wounds, lacerations, broken bones, and other injuries. He dressed their wounds and carried them out. He said he witnessed firefighters, police, emergency medical technicians react but what amazed him was the multitude of bystanders who stepped forward. Doctors, nurses, and military service members there just to watch the show, stepped into action to come to the aid of their community.

“It was very gratifying to me, being military and me being a Hoosier, to see so many people come together, so quickly, from all different walks of life to help save those injured folks,” Stranahan said.

Stranahan’s enlisted supervisor praised his wealth of experience and his actions Saturday.

“His many experiences range from deploying for Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield, Operation Iraqi Freedom, to responding to Hurricane Katrina,” said 1st Sgt. Tyson Johnson, 53rd CST. “All of this contributes to his immediate responsible reaction to the incident at the fairgrounds. According to his account of the events and the many news reports, he and the others were but a small percentage of the attendees that chose to run into harm’s way when all others were running for safety. Without hesitation he did exactly what he has been trained to do, and then some; assuredly, if the need should arise again he wouldn’t hesitate to do it again.”



# Indiana Guard's newest addition; homeland emergency response team completes validation

Story & photos by Sgt. John Crosby  
120th Public Affairs Detachment

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind. – The Indiana National Guard's newest addition, a disaster response force package, was put under the microscope Friday, August 26, 2011, at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center in central Indiana to test and validate their ability.

The 19th CERFP, or Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package, came together at Atterbury for a week of training and validation to certify them as ready for their mission; to come to the aid of the citizens of Indiana in the event of catastrophic disaster whether it be natural or a terrorist attack.

More specifically, in a disaster situation, the CERFP Soldiers and Airmen provide immediate response capability for the citizens of Indiana: incident site search capability of damaged buildings, rescuing trapped casualties, providing decontamination, and performing medical triage and initial treatment to stabilize patients for transport to medical facilities.



Indiana National Guardsmen of the CERFP search and extraction team evacuate a casualty during the unit's validation exercise at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center in central Indiana Tuesday, Aug. 23.

"When there's a catastrophic domestic disaster emergency, the potential for loss of life and medical emergency can be extensive, so the citizens of Indiana really look to the National Guard to play a key role in that response," said Brig. Gen. Corey Carr, commanding general of Indiana Guard's 81st Troop Command. "We've got great first responders with great capabilities across the state, but the National Guard is a critical element in that overall response to save lives and eliminate suffering for Hoosiers."

The unit, headquartered in Indianapolis, is comprised of four major elements; command and control, search and extraction, decontamination, and medical. Each team works autonomously under the command cell.

"This is a joint exercise for both the Army and Air National Guard," said Brig. Gen. John McGoff, Air Guard

chief of staff. "We've got 187 Guardsmen out there right now training for some type of a disaster. The Army covers the search and rescue, and the decontamination piece The Air Guard's role is the medical piece. So after the casualties have been pulled out of the rubble piles and decontaminated, then the Air Guard provides the medical piece of the exercise. This exercise has shown that we can work together very effectively."

"What I'm seeing here today, I'm certain that this unit will be validated and ready to serve the people of this great state," said Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, commanding general of the Indiana National Guard.

"This team will be able to work in a contaminated area, doing search and extraction, getting casualties out, decontaminate the casualties and medically take care of them. That provides







Indiana National Guardsmen of the CERFP search and extraction team evacuate casualties during the unit's validation exercise at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center in central Indiana Tuesday, Aug. 23.

a great capability to this state if we were to be hit with a man-made or natural disaster of that type.”

The training arena: the Indiana Department of Homeland Security rubble piles specifically created for training such as this.

The scenario: a 10-kiloton satchel nuclear bomb detonates in a terrorist attack on the citizens of Indiana. The casualties: role

players dressed in tattered clothes and with lifelike wounds staggered around ground zero. Others lay in rubble piles for search and rescue to extract. This scene played out with a level of realism, lending a sense of urgency to the responders.

“What want to see is if they’re able to respond to all-hazard incident and do it in a timely fashion,” said Lt. Col. Scott Fuller senior observer controller of the validation process. Fuller is an evaluator with the Joint Interagency Training and Evaluation Center. His team evaluates and trains CERFPs across the nation. “They have to learn how to decon, triage, search and extraction, and be able to command and control those elements out there in the field.

Based on the Indiana CERFPs performance, Fuller’s team will recommend validation or non-validation to the Indiana Guard commanding general.

After validation, the unit plans to continue growing their knowledge base and training even more.

“We continue to train, we continue to hone our skills,” said Carr. “This validation is really just a minimal acceptable threshold for certification and validation. There’s still additional capability and expertise to be gained, so we’ll continue to train on that and look for opportunities to exercise the CERFP.”

## Indiana ADT hosts first Gorbuz farmers’ council

KHOWST PROVINCE, Afghanistan - Village elders, the district governor and the Indiana National Guard’s 4-19th Agribusiness Development Team came together for the first district-level farmer’s shura in Gorbuz District Sept. 12.

The shura was conducted to foster a relationship between district farmers and the local Afghan government by providing a platform to address agricultural issues in Gorbuz District.

District Governor Wali Shah opened the shura by stressing the importance of supporting Coalition Forces activities in the district.

The commander of the Afghan Border Police in Gorbuz District, Maj. Wakil, reiterated the close partnership between coalition forces and Afghan National Security Forces by stating, “We are brothers, we are one.”

Village elders discussed many agricultural issues, requesting assistance in obtaining certified wheat seed and fertilizer for the upcoming wheat planting season.

Shah closed the shura, saying he looks forward to the memories that the 4-19th Agribusiness Development Team will make with him and the people of Gorbuz District.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Lee

The 4-19th Agribusiness Development Team addresses village elders at the first district-level farmer shura held in Gorbuz District, Afghanistan, Monday, Sept. 12.

# Indiana National Guard, Operation Grim Reefer eradicates illegal drugs

*Guardsmen working closely with local counterdrug law enforcement to find, confiscate and destroy illegal drug farming activity*

**Story by Capt. Catalina Carasco**  
38th Infantry Division Public Affairs

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana National Guard was part of a multiagency operation lead by the Indiana State Police to suppress and eradicate marijuana in the state, which started Aug. 22 and lasted for seven days.

Operation Grim Reefer followed up Operation Hoosier Thunder, which happened in 2010. This year, as in the previous operation, the Guard provided personnel, equipment, aircraft, communication and intelligence assets.

“Given the complex nature of the mission and multiple-agency involvement, it takes months to prepare,” said Lt. Col. Kevin Extine, Indiana National Guard Counterdrug Task Force Chief. “The operational planning, training and risk-mitigation measures that go into this type of operation began at the end of last year’s operation and continued through mission completion.”

The search took place around 30 counties making up the southern part of the state. Grim Reefer personnel efforts resulted in the eradication of 7,548 marijuana plants located in 127 plots and two indoor locations. The search resulted in nine arrests with 22 charges. The personnel also located two methamphetamine labs and confiscated one weapon.

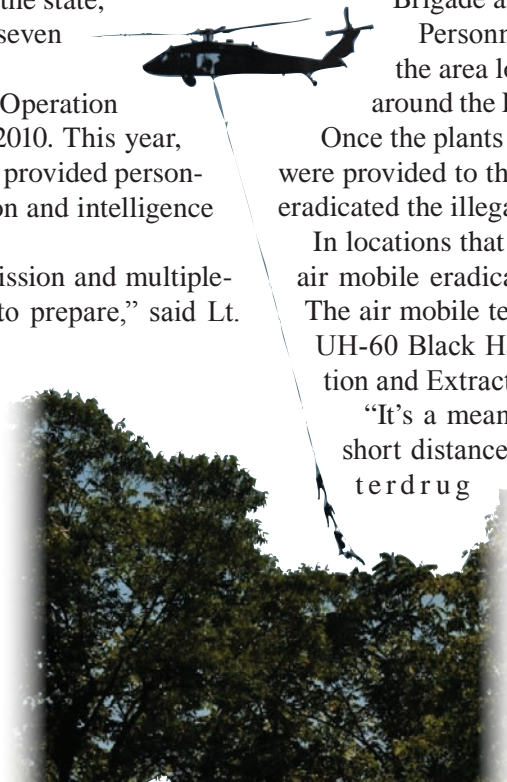


Photo by Sgt. Lorne Neff

Operation Grim Reefer team members hang from a rope as they are extracted by a UH-60 Black Hawk after eradicating marijuana plants in southern Indiana.



Grim Reefer personnel were divided into ground and air teams. Each team was comprised of members from the Indiana State Police, U.S. Forest Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, Indiana Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division, and the Indiana National Guard. Personnel from the Counterdrug Task Force and the 38th Infantry Division represented the Guard.

The air teams flew in either a UH-60 Black Hawk or an OH-58 Kiowa helicopter from the 38th Combat Aviation Brigade and piloted by its Soldiers.

Personnel on the aircraft spent hours flying over the area looking for marijuana plants, particularly around the Hoosier National Forest and public lands.

Once the plants were identified, the location coordinates were provided to the ground teams. The ground teams then eradicated the illegal growth.

In locations that could not be reached by a ground team, air mobile eradication teams completed the task instead. The air mobile teams either repelled into the area from a UH-60 Black Hawk, or used the Special Patrol Infiltration and Extraction System.

“It’s a means of extracting up to 14 personnel over short distances,” said Staff Sgt. Brett Keller, a Counterdrug Task Force team leader of SPIES.

“What we found during operations like this is that drug trafficking organizations and local growers alike like to take advantage of remote locations to operate due to the limited chance of detection. This is just a way for us to adapt our tactics to meet that threat, get people on the ground in places where most people wouldn’t be able to get to,” said Keller.

In keeping up with the National Guard continuing improvement efforts, this mission also served to test



communications capabilities. For that reason the Indiana Guard's 53rd Civil Support Team joined the operation.

"The most important product and process we were able to glean was a solid assessment of the current communication capabilities of the counter drug team," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Galloway, CST's communications chief. "This allowed us to assist them in configuring a more secure and seamless communications package for future missions.

"We briefly exercised a video down link from the aircraft as a concept for any possible future operations support and to better enhance all other all-hazards mission types" said Galloway.

Grim Reefer was considered a successful operation by those who participated in it.

"We accomplished our goal," said Evan Johnson, one of the ground team's leaders. "We eradicated a large amount of mari-

juana in southern Indiana," he said referring to the more than 7,500 plants that they found.

Indiana State Police Sgt. Lou Perras agreed.

"It has been a very successful operation, very professional operation, and I'm just proud to be a part of it," Perras said.

Extine said that this type of operation helps strengthen the National Guard relationship with civilian authorities.

"It unites organizations across the state from U.S. Forest Service and Drug Enforcement Administration to local agencies that normally would not be working together; they are now part of one team to accomplish the mission," he said. "By continuously refining the plan and adapting to

'boots on the ground' intelligence," said Extine of the personnel performing the mission. "We will continue to make these types of operations successful year in and year out."



Photo by Capt. Catalina Carasco

The operation resulted in the removal of more than 7,500 plants in 30 counties over a seven-day period.

## Indiana AMVETS Hosts WWII Veterans for Honor Flight Brings 150 veterans to Washington D.C., visits war memorials

**Story by 2nd Lt Brian Weitzel**  
Indiana National Guard Public Affairs

WASHINGTON - The morning of Sept. 5, 2011, Indiana AMVETS Post No. 99 brought more than 150 veterans and their family members for the "Veterans Serving Veterans" flight No. 5 to visit the national memorials in D.C. Congressman Mike Pence was on hand to greet the veterans, as they toured the World War II Memorial at the nation's capitol.

This was the fifth honor flight hosted by Post 99, which raised more than \$250,000 to make the latest trip possible. Post 99 Commander Don Derringer first developed the idea in spring 2008, allowing hundreds of Indiana WWII, Korea and Vietnam veterans to visit their respective memorials, some of whom have never been before.

While on the daylong tour, the Indiana veterans toured Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where Indiana Soldiers conducted a wreath laying ceremony in remembrance of the fallen by Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger and retired Maj. Ron Himsel, former Indiana Rangers company commander.

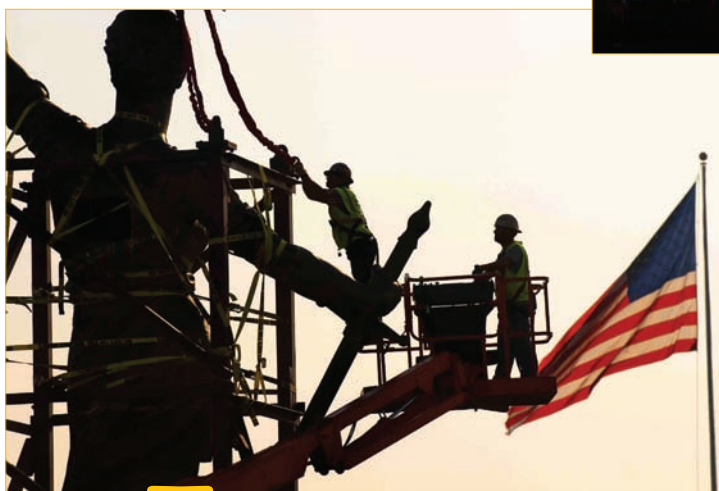


Photo by Mike Krieg

Indiana AMVETS Post No. 99 brought more than 150 veterans and their family members for the "Veterans Serving Veterans" flight No. 5 to visit the War memorials in D.C. Indiana veterans toured Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A wreath laying ceremony was conducted at the tomb by Indiana National Guard's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger and retired Maj. Ron Himsel, the former commander of Indiana's 151st Infantry "D" Rangers.

Lady Victory, the 118-year-old, 38-foot-tall bronze sculpture that resides atop the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, 284 feet and six inches above the center of Indianapolis, and the state of Indiana, has been restored and returned to her home. The statue was removed from the monument when workers discovered corrosion while repairing the monument's observation deck in 2009. The \$1.5 million in restorations began in Stout Field, Indiana National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters in April and were finished two months ahead of schedule.

Photos by Sgt. John Crosby



# LADY



# VICTORY

Just 15-feet shorter than the Statue of Liberty, the monument was originally intended to memorialize Indiana's Civil War veterans, and ongoing as it was built, the Spanish-American War. It is the tallest Civil War Monument in America dedicated to ordinary Soldiers and Sailors.







# Free Tuition for Children of a Disabled Veterans



This is a notice that none of the provisions of Senate Bill 577 affect the children of veterans who entered the military prior to 30 June 2011. Information previously published in print, on any web site, or transmitted verbally, which indicated that those children would come under the provisions of SB 577 effective on 1 July 2011 or 1 July 2012 or any other date, is hereby withdrawn. The provisions of SB 577 pertaining to the children of disabled veterans apply only to the children of veterans who initially enter the military after 30 June 2011, therefore, no "grace" period is required for the implementation of SB577.

For disabled veterans who initially entered the military on or before June 30, 2011, the eligibility criteria is:

The biological or legally adopted child(ren) of a disabled veteran may be eligible for remission of fees (free tuition) at any state-supported post secondary school or university in the State of Indiana.

All students must submit a copy of their birth certificate or legal adoption papers with their application. Applications submitted without appropriate documentation will be returned to the student.

Note to legally adopted children: This applies at any age as long as the child was adopted by age 24 and the child is a resident of Indiana.

The Remission of Fees is good for 124 semester hours of education and may be used for either undergraduate or graduate level work. The amount remitted is 100% of tuition and all regularly assessed fees, however, tuition and regularly assessed fees for graduate students will only be paid at the undergraduate rates charged by the school.

## For Example:

Undergraduate tuition at state school is \$300 per credit hour

Graduate school tuition at state school is \$500 per credit hour

Student would then be responsible for \$200 per credit hour

The term "regularly assessed fees" is defined as any fee that must be paid by every student attending the institution. Ref: IC 21-14-4-1, IC 10-5-16.5-3.

## Applications:

Applications are located on our "Forms" page.

Eligible wartime dates are:

**WW I:** April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918

**WWII:** December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946

**Korea:** June 27, 1950 and Jan 31, 1955

**Vietnam:** Aug 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975

**Gulf War:** August 2, 1990 - present

(For the above wartime dates, the veteran need not have served directly in combat. For other wartime periods such as Panama, Beirut, Granada, Lebanon, etc., the veteran must have received a service, campaign or expeditionary medal specifically for that "equally hazardous duty.")

## Eligibility Rules for Remission of Fees

1. The veteran must have served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during a period of wartime, and must have been a resident of the State of Indiana (filed state income taxes) for not less than 36 consecutive months during his/her lifetime.

## And:

2. The veteran must be declared to be service-connected disabled with a rating of 0% or greater by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or the Department of Defense (if the Department of Defense, the veteran must supply official documentation).

## Or:

3. The veteran received a Purple Heart Medal.

(Official documentation of the award is required.)

## Or:

4. The veteran was a resident of Indiana at the time of entry into the service and was declared a POW or MIA after January 1, 1960.

## Or:

5. The student was a veteran-related pupil at the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home.

The eligibility criteria for the children of disabled veterans who initially enter the military after July 1, 2011 will change to include the additional criteria:

1. Students will be limited to undergraduate courses only.

2. Will have a total of eight years in the program.

3. Must not have reached their 32nd birthday at the time of their initial application.

4. The disabled wartime-era parent must have joined the service from Indiana or must have resided in Indiana at least five (5) years before the application.

5. Applicants who are not biological children of the veteran must have been adopted by the veteran parent before they were eighteen (18) years of age.

6. Must maintain the following grade point average:

Freshman academic year: a cumulative GPA that the eligible institution determines satisfactory academic progress;

Sophomore academic year: a cumulative GPA of 2.25 on a 4.0 grading scale, or its equivalent as established by the institution.

Junior or senior academic year: a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale, or its equivalent as established by the institution.

Students not reaching these goals will be placed on probation and must reach the requisite GPA by the next semester or its equivalent.

7. Will have their remission of fees prorated based on the VA disability rating as follows:

Children of veterans rated 80 percent service-connected disabled or higher by the VA will receive 100 percent fee remission.

Children of veterans rated less than 80% service-connected disabled will receive 20% fee remission plus the disability rating of the veteran.

If the disability rating of the veteran changes after the beginning of the academic semester, quarter or other period, the change in the disability rating shall be applied beginning with the immediately following academic semester, quarter or other period.

Clarification: Children of veterans who entered the military before June 30, 2011 are unaffected by these changes.

## A Note About In-State Residency:

Attendance at state-supported colleges or universities while using the Remission of Fees program requires that students receive in-state tuition and fees at the school they are attending.



American Legion Post 500, Speedway Ind., held its 70th birthday celebration on Sunday, July 17, 2011. The post surprised one of its members when The Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, presented the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service and four other decorations to Robert R. Cooper during the celebration, for his participation as a paratrooper with the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment during World War II. Cooper participated in five major campaigns, including Operation Dragoon in Southern France, but never received his medals. He also received a proclamation from the governor and the state legislature, thanking him for his service. Photo by Master Sgt. David Elmore, 38th ID Public Affairs

**American Legion Post 500, Speedway, Celebrates 70th Birthday. WWII combat veteran's service honored**



## Indiana Military Retiree Honored at Victory Field

**Story by Sgt. William E. Henry**  
Indiana Guard Public Affairs

INDIANAPOLIS – The crowd cheered at Victory Field during the start of a home game for the Indianapolis Indians September 2.

The home team patrons were there to support their team in playoff hopes, but they were also there to applaud men and women who served their country during a military appreciation night designated by the Indians organization.

One of those honored by throwing a game ball was a retired Indiana National Guard Soldier, Sgt. 1st Class Gary Allen, Odon, Ind.

Allen spent more than 50 years of his life immersed in the game of baseball by playing, coaching and mentoring youngsters to succeed.

Allen stood on the mound wearing his Army Combat Uniform making his pitch to open up play for the Indians. Allen's family members and grandchildren watched the pitch on the field.

"It's really a great thing," said Allen. "To have this opportunity is really a privilege."

"I practiced the pitch on flat ground and thought I was ready, but the mound threw me off a little," said Allen, doubting himself afterwards. His grandson, Jacob, assured him his pitch was well

done. "I think your pitch was the best out of them all," said Jacob.

Allen has participated in baseball for most his life. In 1969 he started coaching little leaguers in his hometown and has a field named after him. His children and grandchildren have actively pursued sports in leagues and schools they have attended.

He served during the Vietnam War with the Army and left active duty in 1975. He joined the National Guard in 1977 and served in Germany, Japan, and twice in Iraq.

His second deployment in Iraq, with the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team during Operation Iraqi Freedom, was his last. He retired in 2010.

Allen said with sports he has learned to just take it easy and enjoy his time coaching young players. "Have fun with it, and don't take it too seriously," said Allen. "Let the kids be kids when you're coaching them. I just love kids and love being around them. I'm still a kid at heart."



Indiana National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, left, speaks with retired Indiana Guardsman Sgt. 1st Class Gary Allen before opening ceremonies of an Indianapolis Indians game at Victory Field, Indianapolis, Friday, Sept. 2, 2011.





# Brigadier General J. Stewart Goodwin retires

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INDIANAPOLIS – Admittedly, as a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserves, he didn't realize there was "such a thing" as the Air National Guard. On July 9, 2011, 26 years later, Brig. Gen. Stewart Goodwin retired as the highest ranking member of the Indiana Air National Guard, but more importantly he leaves a legacy of an invaluable mentor and well-respected leader.

Earning his commission from Evansville in 1971, Goodwin set out on a military career that would include work as a disaster preparedness officer, deputy missile combat crew commander and Indiana state director of education and training. With the Indiana Air National Guard he has held positions such as the state director of support, chief of staff and most recently as an assistant adjutant general.

But, according to Indiana Adjutant General Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, Goodwin is much more than an Airman and military leader. "This man is committed to everything he does, his family, this state. He is deeply involved in the many organizations he is a part of, not just a drive-by member," said Umbarger. "This guy has a heart for service."

In his civilian professional life, Goodwin is the executive director of Indiana's War Memorials. "He makes sure that people know the part Indiana plays in our nation's history," said Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard. "There really is no better steward of our shared history," added Ballard.

As with any retirement ceremony, after the formal

presentations and awards the audience was treated to a glimpse of what the real person must be like through the stories and informal presentations by those who worked alongside of the honoree. With Goodwin, this, perhaps, was the most telling about the man behind the rank.

Though humor was abundant, often from the general himself, overwhelmingly the message was of gratitude for the personal mentorship and down to earth leadership for which Goodwin is so respected.

"There has not been a time where I came up on any issue when I could not go to this leader, mentor and friend of mine and know I was going to get sage advice and a listening ear," said Col.

David Augustine, commander of the 122nd Fighter Wing. "That is an amazing thing," he said. "You can change the world when you have a leader like that."

The admiration from his staff was evident through the comments from Air National Guard State Command Chief Master Sgt. Darrell Newman. "He has been a great advocate for the enlisted force. He is very clear that he expects all Airmen to be treated with respect

and that they always have a voice, but to me he is just," said Newman with a pause, "well, it is hard to put to words, he will be very missed."

In fact, Goodwin offered a couple words of advice for those following him. "People don't work for you, they work with you. You are not your rank, you are a leader," he said. "Really listen to people and mentor people every chance you get."

As for how the general feels about his own career, "I believe the Lord has a journey for all of us, and I just try not to screw that up."



Brigadier Gen. J. Stewart Goodwin retiring Assistant Adjutant General – Air, Indiana National Guard, receives the U.S. flag from Maj. Gen. Omer C. Tooly during Goodwin's retirement ceremony Saturday, July 9, 2011, at the Indiana War Memorial in Indianapolis. The presentation of the flag is a military retirement tradition that both presenter and receiver hold in great regard.



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